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# Spy suspect planned to flee?



James Durward Harper Jr.—planning trip to Iron Curtain?

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Washington (News Bureau)—FBI agents were forced to arrest James Durward Harper Jr., a California engineer, on espionage charges—although other members of his alleged Soviet spying still are at large—because he planned to flee the country, sources said yesterday.

Harper, 49, whose late wife and others allegedly supplied him with top-secret information on Army missile plans, is being held without bail in San Francisco. FBI officials said Harper was planning to take a trip behind the Iron Curtain when arrested Saturday at his Mountainview, Calif., home.

William Dougherty, a Villa Park, Calif., attorney whom Harper employed for two years in a futile effort to work out a deal with the FBI after his alleged spying was uncovered, speculated that Harper was out for "money and the thrill of it."

Dougherty, who represented convicted spy Christopher Boyce in 1977, said: "It's sort of romantic to run around different airports and meet people. To get to Vienna and be told to go someplace—that's a thrill."

**THE FBI SAYS** Harper, who allegedly asked the Soviets to fork over \$1 million for his missile secrets, actually received more than \$250,000—a record for the tight-fisted Russian spymasters—which he allegedly stashed in bank accounts around the world.

Just how many were involved in the effort, which focused on high-technology defense contractors in California's Silicon Valley, is not clear. There have been no other arrests.

An FBI affidavit names a Sunnyvale, Calif., businessman, William Hogle, as Harper's contact, but no charges have been made against Hogle.

Police sources said Harper's marriage to Ruby Schuler, who obtained many of the documents he sold, might have been a marriage of convenience that ended in divorce before she died of alcoholism.

Santa Clara County records show that Schuler died June 22 of cirrhosis of the liver. She weighed 80 pounds at the time of death, compared with her normal 128.